

Happenings – Hillcrest Middle Newsletter

Monday, February 5th, 2024



Please see our school website: [Hillcrest website](#)

Upcoming Events:

Feb 12-16	Spirit Week: Monday – Hat Day Tuesday – Backwards Day Wednesday – Pink and Red Day Thursday – Face Paint Day Friday – Neon Day	Mar. 1	PAC Lunch – Pasta Polo
Feb 12-16	Scholastic Book Fair	Mar. 1	Eagles Team Young Actors Project
Feb. 13/14	Student Led Conf./Early Dismissal – 2:00pm	Mar. 8	Eagles Team Young Actors Project
Feb. 15	PAC Lunch – Pizza	Mar. 11-15	Spirit Week
Feb. 16	Eagles Team Young Actors Project	Mar. 14	Falcons Movie & Bowling
Feb. 16	Owls Team Skating	Mar. 15	Eagles Team Young Actors Project
Feb. 19	BC Family Day Stat	Mar. 15	Spirit Assembly
Feb. 23	Non-Instructional Day (District)	Mar. 15	Last Day before Spring Break
Feb. 26	PAC Meeting	Mar. 18-28	Spring Break
Feb. 28	Explorations Term 3 ends	Mar. 29	Good Friday stat
Feb. 29	Explorations Term 4 begins	Apr. 1	Easter Monday stat
		Apr. 2	First Day back after break
		Apr. 15	PAC Meeting
		Apr. 19	Pro D Day (District)
		Apr. 26	Falcons to Camp Jubilee
		May 13	PAC Meeting
		May 20	Victoria Day stat

Band/Choir:

Beginner Band: Monday/Wednesday 7:45-8:30am –Stage

Advanced Band: Tuesday/Friday 7:45-8:30am – Stage

Choir: Thursday 7:45-8:30am – Music Room

Athletics:

Wrestling – see school website calendar for schedule

Basketball – see school website calendar for schedule

Open Gym Drop In: Fridays – 3:00-4:00pm **(day changed)**



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Principal's Message

Dear Hillcrest Families,

The students and staff have been so welcoming in my brief time here so far. I am very appreciative for all the support. The students keep asking me if I have a PADS dog. Although I have dogs, neither of them could ever offer what Lennon did around Hillcrest.

My teaching career started in SD 36 (Surrey) back in 1996 at Tamanawis Secondary where for 13 years I taught: Humanities 8, Social Studies 9-11, History 12, Law 12, Geography 12, First Nations 12, Work Experience, Career and Personal Planning and English 9-11. From there, I moved on to be a vice-principal at Terry Fox Secondary from 2009-2014 and then I was principal at Ecole Coquitlam River Elementary from 2014 to 2020. For the last 3.5 years, I was the principal at Smiling Creek Elementary where I was able to work alongside Mr. Hart and Ms. Bahng. The whole middle school experience is new to me and I am looking forward to a new challenge.

I wear a neon green safety vest outside when I am supervising, so I am hard to miss 😊 If you have a minute I would love to chat and introduce myself. My goal right now is to get to know the community and to start making connections.

My email address is rjacobsen@sd43.bc.ca

I look forward to meeting your family at the Student Led Conferences on Feb. 13 & 14.

Sincerely,
Ross Jacobsen

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm as well as Wednesday February 14th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm both days.

Student-led conferences are opportunities for students to share their learning with their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians visit the classroom with their child and view the student's portfolio of learning. These conferences are meant to be student-led; teachers help with the organization but do not have an active role in the presentation.

The Scholastic Book Fair will also be going on in the Learning Commons Wednesday February 14th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

We look forward to seeing you share in your student's learning on the 13th and 14th.

Yearbooks

The last few available yearbooks are available for purchase on School Cash Online for \$40. If you do not see the item for purchase in your account, then it is likely that you already purchased one. Please check your purchase history before contacting the school. **Only 25 left!**



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Hillcrest PAC

PAC Lunches

These lunches can be ordered through Munchalunch. Ordering closes at 3:00pm one week before the lunch.

Thursday Feb 15th - Pizza Hut Hot Lunch

Friday March 1st - Pasta Polo Hot Lunch

PAC Meetings

Our next PAC meeting will be **February 26th at 6:30pm** on Zoom. We encourage all parents to join us using this link: [Zoom Meeting](#)

By taking part in PAC meetings, you will connect with the Hillcrest Middle parents' community and learn about events & activities that are happening at school this school year. You can find future PAC meeting dates, minutes and fundraising information at [Hillcrest PAC](#)

PAC Donations

Please consider donating to our PAC. Donate online through School Cash Online. Any donations over \$25 will receive a receipt from the District.

Fundraising initiatives from the PAC provides students with additional resources throughout the year. These resources include live performances and presentations.

Scheduled performances this year include:

David Jonsson – A professional skateboarder, David Jonsson shares his story of overcoming the physical and emotional scars of surviving a plane crash. His story focuses on resiliency and relying on a community to help in overcoming obstacles.

Metaphor - Metaphor is a crew of hip hop artists who build community empowerment and social justice through performance and facilitation. Using the hip hop arts--DJing, Breakdancing & Emceeing--Metaphor members have performed and lead workshops globally, to hundreds of schools and community groups. The Metaphor crew are experts at inspiring youth - they are always ready to rock shows and grow hearts.

Dumpsta Dragons is a unique Asian duet who have performed hundreds of shows for children throughout BC and Saskatchewan. Alvin Ramos is a recognized grand master of the Japanese Shakuhachi and has also trained extensively on the didgeridoo with aboriginal masters in Australia. Andrew Kim has toured the world with Delhi2dublin, studied sitar in India under a master, and has toured with numerous African bands. He was also featured on an album by Raffi and has been the subject of 3 CBC documentaries. Together they bring joy and inspiration to children with their unique blend of traditional and homemade instruments!

The fundraising initiatives also help provide buses to transport students to and from field trips so that students can extend their knowledge and experience outside the classroom. These funds assist in purchasing equipment to support extra curricular activities. This year's focus will be on purchasing a new portable scoreboard for our athletic teams to use in the gym.

PAC Social Media

Join the "Hillcrest Middle School Parents (Coquitlam)" Facebook page and keep up to date with PAC events and announcements.



Community Info



BC SWISH BASKETBALL CLUB

For information on our tryouts please use the link below or visit our website at BCSWISHBasketballClub.com

A promotional poster for the BC Swish Basketball Club's Spring & Summer 2024 tryouts. The poster features a basketball player in a teal jersey with the number 22, dribbling a basketball. The background is red with large white text. At the bottom, a black bar lists the tryout dates and categories for various age groups.

SPRING & SUMMER
2024
TRYOUTS

U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U15
FEB 27&28	FEB 27&28	FEB 29	FEB 29	FEB 29	MAR 1	MAR 6
BOYS	BOYS	BOYS	BOYS	BOYS	BOYS	GIRLS

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[BC SWISH Basketball Club](http://BCSWISHBasketballClub.com)



12th Coquitlam Scouts are looking for adult volunteers

Do you enjoy getting outside for camping, hiking, biking, or just getting some fresh air?

Do you have skills you could share with the kids in our community?

We could use your help with our Scout Troop

Scouts is an adventure based program for boys and girls aged 11 - 14
Our Troop meets out of the Mundy Elementary School Gym, Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30

If you are interested, please contact:

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